Declaration of Interim Dividend by NTPC

1658. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Power Grid had declared interim dividend in the last financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies have not yet contributed their share to the Government;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when this amount of interim dividend and the amount of final dividend, if any, is likely to be paid to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) paid final dividend of Rs. 1082.30 crores for the financial year 2003-04 on 30th July, 2004. In addition, NTPC has also paid interim dividend of Rs. 885.55 crores on 10th March, 2005. power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has paid a dividend of Rs. 125 crores for the financial year 2003-04 on 19th October, 2004. In addition, interim dividend of Rs. 88 crores has been paid by PGCIL on 25th February, 2005.

(d) and *(e)* Question do not arise due to (c) above.

Ramagundam Thermal Power Project

1659. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU. Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Phase-ll of Ramagundam Thermal Power Project has been commissioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the total installed power capacity and the Plant Load Factor of the Thermal Unit: and

(c) if not, by when the said unit would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station has three stages. 3x200 MW